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SHANGHAI TROUBLE.

QUESTIONS IN HOUSE OF COMMONS HOME POLICY.

Support For the Officials On The Spot.

Support for the British officials on the spot is the keynote of the Home Government's policy as regards the trouble in Shanghai.

"Misguided Students."

(Reuters' Service.)

London, June 9.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions by Mr. F. W.

Crews Walk Out.

Shanghai, June 10.
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s crews struck at nine o'clock yesterday evening and their steamers are laid up at the wharves.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. propose concerted action by the big shipping companies.

The Nippon Kisen Kaisha boats have up to the present adhered to schedule.

The Fengyang Maru left Shanghai for Hankow this morning carrying passengers but no cargo, the former including representatives of the Chinese Associations known to be going to Nanking and Chinkiang with the object of disaffection the crews of foreign steamers at those ports.

Further Nippon Kisen Kaisha sailings are unlikely.

Foochow Strike.

Foochow, June 9.
A student demonstration and general strike took place to-day. The situation is quiet, but it is strained.

Trooper Attacked.

(Shanghai Mercury.)
SHANGHAI, June 5

Tough no. Very serious, a number of incidents took place to-day to remind the authorities of

CARGO OF FLOUR.

WELL-KNOWN TRADE MARK INFRINGEMENT.

CONFISCATION CLAIM.

Before Mr. S. B. B. McElroy, at the Central Magistracy this morning, an application was made under the Merchandise Marks Ordinance by Mr. H. L. Dennis, representing Messrs. H. Scott and Company, flour merchants, for a confiscation order in respect of 800 bags of flour which bore an infringement of the "Battleship" trade mark, the property of his clients. Samples of the infringed mark and the original were exhibited in Court, the former bearing identical marks with the exception that the Company's name was omitted. The flour had been seized in the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company's godown, consigned from Shanghai to various Chinese dealers, who claimed to be interested only as sellers, on a commission basis.

In applying for confiscation of the cargo, Mr. Dennis said he would not suggest that the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company were in any way to blame as they only acted as shippers and godownkeepers. He asked His Worship to thereafter make an order for a certain proportion of the flour to be handed to his client to reimburse them for the costs of the proceedings in the same way as was done in a case which came before Mr. R. E. Lloyd, in 1919.

Mr. R. A. Wadeon, appearing for the shippers, said that his clients should be exonerated from blame, and he considered that they also should receive a part of the cargo to meet godown charges and

CANTON FIGHTING.

OUTLOOK STILL VERY CRITICAL.

REDS FROM WEST.

Possible Battle For Outskirt Heights.

The Yunnanese are strengthening their position in Canton but it seems as if engagements will have to be fought in other parts of the province before the present Canton campaign can be brought to a close.

Danger to Shameen?

Little or no news came through this morning owing to the telegraph land-lines being interrupted. The Naval authorities report no material change in the situation.

Most startling of all is the report from the "China Mail" correspondent that the Cantonese Reds hint that two Russian warships will be coming to their aid.

On Monday, the "China Mail" reported that it appeared as if the Red Navy at Canton had been "influenced" by Yunnanese money. Conflicting reports have since come down. From the latest messages, it appears that the Red flagship, the obsolete cruiser Wing Fung, formerly of the First Northern Squadron and recently re-named the Chung San in honour of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, has gone over to the mercenaries, but the statement of her having bombarded her old colleagues in Honam has yet to be confirmed. On Monday it seemed as if those of the River Defence Flotilla which fired up the River and anchored off the Macao Forts, were trying to make for Whampoa to bring up reinforcements.

Intermittent sniping continues but the Cantonese stronghold on Honam, across the River, appears as if it is being vacated.

On the attitude of the Wing Fung (Captain Au Yung) and the gunboats becoming suspicious, the Reds began to move away from the Cement Works at Honam.

To-day there have been very few casualties on the Canton side and the fire from Honam is weakening.

General Leung Hung-kai has despatched an expedition of 3,000 men who are marching on Shek Wai Tong with the object of threatening Canton from the West. The Yunnanese scouts at Whampoa are very active and long range bombardment may be the order of things at any moment.

At Any Cost.

There are 10,000 or so Yunnanese and Kwangsi riflemen at Shek Wai Tong with orders to hold up the Red advance at any cost. At the White Cloud Mountains are Yunnanese headquarters.

As these heights overlook the eastern and northern approaches to Canton, they are very strongly fortified and General Yang Hsi-min is directing operations there in person. Outside army headquarters are posted 40 machine-guns and about 20 light artillery pieces. The 2nd division is also on the heights under Commander Chu Wai. Lieut-General Liu Hang-chiu is the defender of Canton. The western suburb (the main business centre) is very peaceful and the civil population is moving about unconcernedly.

Another aeroplane was up above the city this afternoon distributing leaflets warning the people to leave in six hours when a bombardment from the air would start.

General Chan Kwing-ming and Lin Fu are now reported to be active but it can be taken for granted that they will not join the fight till the issue is nearly decided.

Among the leaflets circulated in Canton are those purporting to originate from the following, all anti-Bolshevik: — Farmers, labourers and merchants, Yunnanese and Kwangsi mercenaries, the "elder" (i.e. conservative) members of the Kuomintang; and some military students.

Well-known Man Killed.

A shot from Honam ricochetted and killed Mr. Wong, the proprietor of the Washington Café on the Bund. Mr. Wong, who is best-known as "Fatty," was a Canton landmark.

I am informed that at the fight for Dutch Folly Island, 60 Yunnanese were opposed to about 100 Reds who had machine-guns. The latter threw their weapons into the River when they tried to swim away on meeting a searching fire from the restaurant roof. (Full details in Monday's "China Mail".)

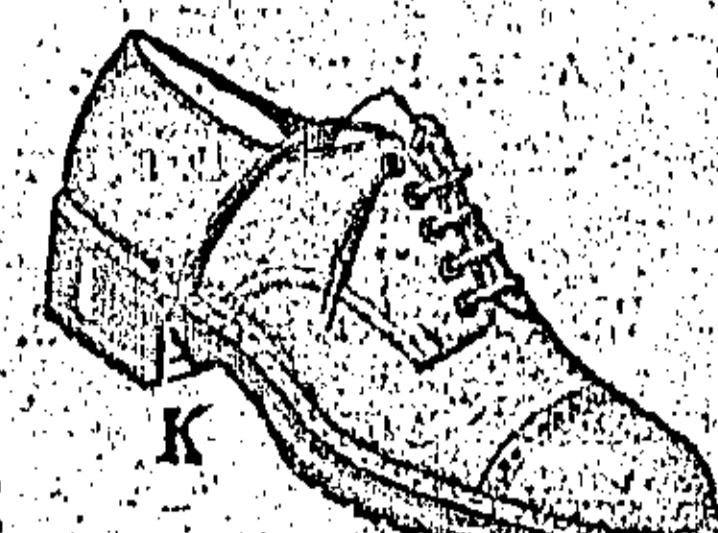
Attack by Night?

Later. Yunnanese headquarters state that had it not been for the "defection" of the Communist Navy, the Cantonese on Honam would have planned a determined landing on the east of Canton, after the style of Gallipoli, under cover of a naval bombardment.

A few shells had previously been fired at Taishatau where there is a Yunnanese camp, apparently, to clear the place. With the failure of the small boats to bring up the Red "Cadets" from Whampoa and the disinterest of the flagship, this attack is not likely to eventuate. Otherwise Canton city, or at least the eastern part, might have experienced the first real battle of the campaign.

The Yunnanese are gaining confidence.

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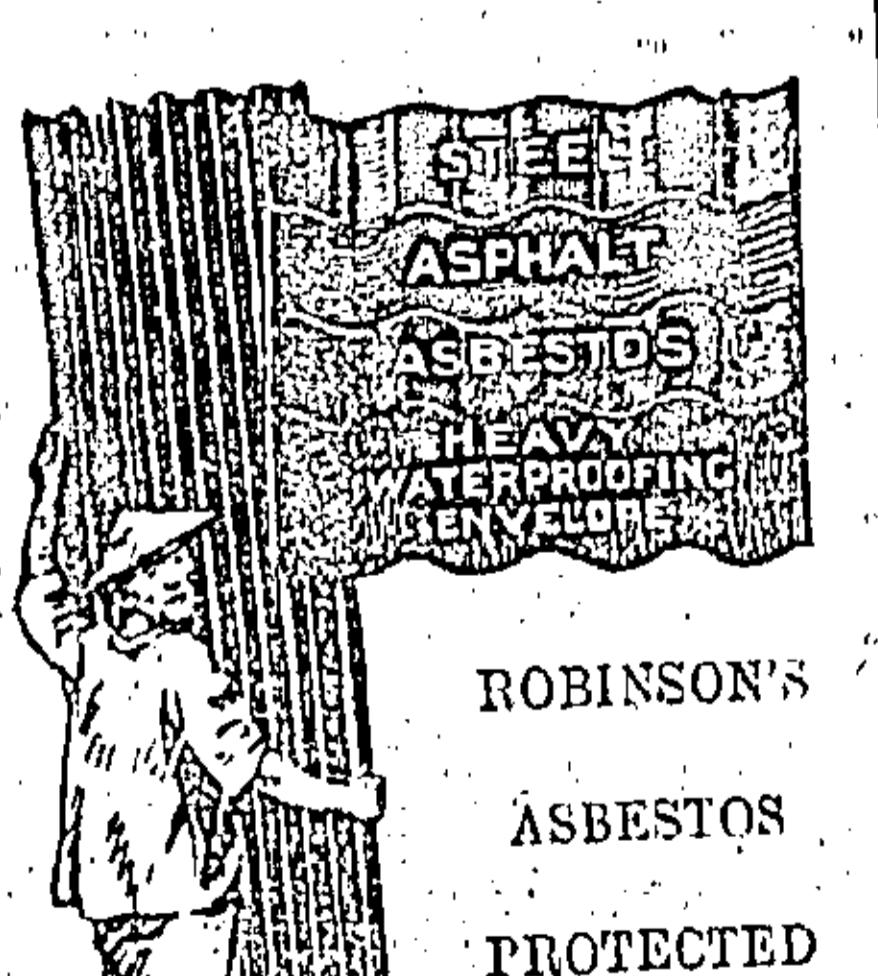
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SHANGHAI TROUBLE.

(Reuters' Service.)

IN THE SHADE.

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For the benefit of policemen on duty at the corner of Pedder Street and Queen's Road Central, a shelter has been provided which was used for the first time this morning.

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Finished nicely in green, the structure is very neat and casts a shadow over just the requisite space for the officer to discharge his duties in comfort. It should not interfere with traffic.

Evangeline Booth, who has just completed her twentieth consecutive year of service as national of the Salvation Army, has received greetings from President Coolidge, congratulating her upon her work.

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Hongkong, April 15, 1925.

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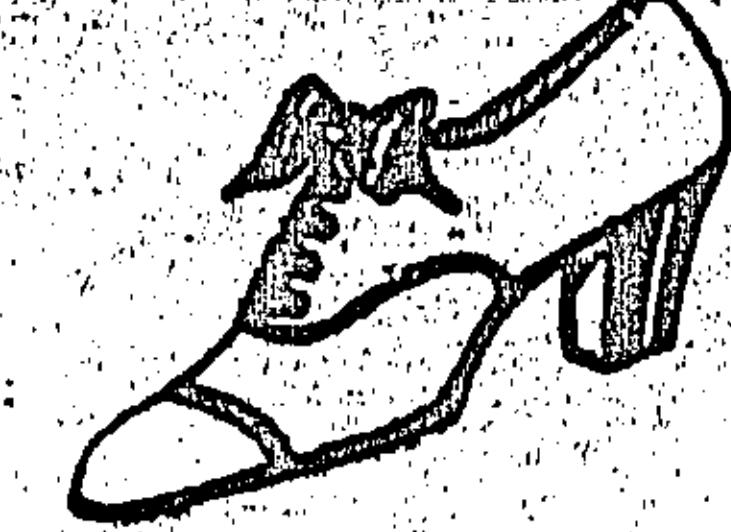
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PRINCE SPURNS NEPTUNE'S DAUGHTER.

AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE.

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Precariously lying across the front like a recumbent green Egyptian mummy was the "lovely daughter," who Neptune announced overnight would be presented to the Prince.

VERSE MIRTHY VERSE.

Her immobility was due to the stiffness of her fishy tail. Her golden hair hung below her waist, her white shoulders gleamed in the sun, but fingers as deeply stained by cigarette smoking as any midshipman's seemed to indicate that modern vices have spread even to the ocean bed!

Ten "beasts" rearing dizzily in thick pelts of brown tow drew their scaly majesties to the Prince. The proceedings then lapsed into very fishy verse, as perforated by Neptune:—

O, Prince of Empire, we've a lovely daughter.

Fair us the moon, you surely will agree;

As you're no princess, don't you think you ougliter?

Take home as bride a daughter of the sea?

Supported by a strong parental arm the mermaid princess then flopped awkwardly forward after the manner of a newly-hatched fish.

The PRINCE'S REPLY.

The Prince received her with an engaging smile. Then drawing from his pocket a crumpled manuscript he broke also into the following poetry of his own composition:—

Thanks, King Neptune, for your greeting.

And the welcome you bestow; This is, indeed, our second meeting.

Your Queen I also know.

Now, sire, thank you for your kind suggestion.

About your beautiful princess, But may I ask you just one question?

Where the hell did she get that new dress?

But, alas! I'm forced to spurn her.

Though your offer makes me proud,

Yes, my King, I must return her, Pets on board we are not allowed.

Howls of appreciation from Neptune's bears greeted this Royal lyric, and Neptune, with every scale quivering with emotion, forthwith hung round the Prince's neck the collar of "Grand Commander of the Seven Seas."

DIVORCE LISTS.

ACTIONS FOR COMING SITTINGS.

In the divorce lists published for the Easter Law Sittings, the undefended petitions outnumber the defended cases by 4 to 1.

Among the undefended cases is that of the Marquis of Queensberry, who is citing Sir James Dunn as co-respondent. Lady Dunn is also seeking a divorce.

The Marquis of Queensberry, who is 29, succeeded to the title in 1920 and married in 1917 Irene Richards, a Gaiety actress and daughter of a millowner. There is one daughter aged seven.

Sir James Dunn is a Canadian barrister aged 50. His home is in New Brunswick.

Another undefended suit is that of Lady Kitty Vincent, who is asking for a divorce from her husband, Brigadier-General Sir Berkeley Vincent. Before her marriage in 1906 she was Lady Kitty Ogilvy, eldest daughter of the late Earl of North Thoresby.

The defended suits include that of Viscount Gort, V.C., who is seeking a divorce from Viscountess Gort. Viscount Gort is a lieutenant-colonel in the Grenadier Guards. He won the V.C. in 1918 in the attack of the Guards Division across the Canal du Nord. He also holds the D.S.O. with two bars and the M.C. He was wounded nine times.

During the war Lady Gort sold hats in a business she started in Grosvenor Street. The profits were given to the Red Cross.

A noticeable feature is the many cases in which the King's Proctor is showing cause.

The stamp collectors' section includes a listing of postage stamps from various countries, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, and others. It also includes a section on "SOLE AGENTS: U. S. LOXLEY & CO. HONGKONG".

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"MIRZAPORE"	8,715	23rd June at Noon.	Singapore, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June at Noon.	Marseilles and London
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"DELTA"	8,097	11th July at Noon.	Saporo, Penang, Colbo & B'bay
"KASHMIR"	8,885	15th July at Noon.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
"MANTRA"	10,903	25th July at Noon.	Marseilles & London
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"KASHGAR"	9,445	8th Aug. at Noon.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp
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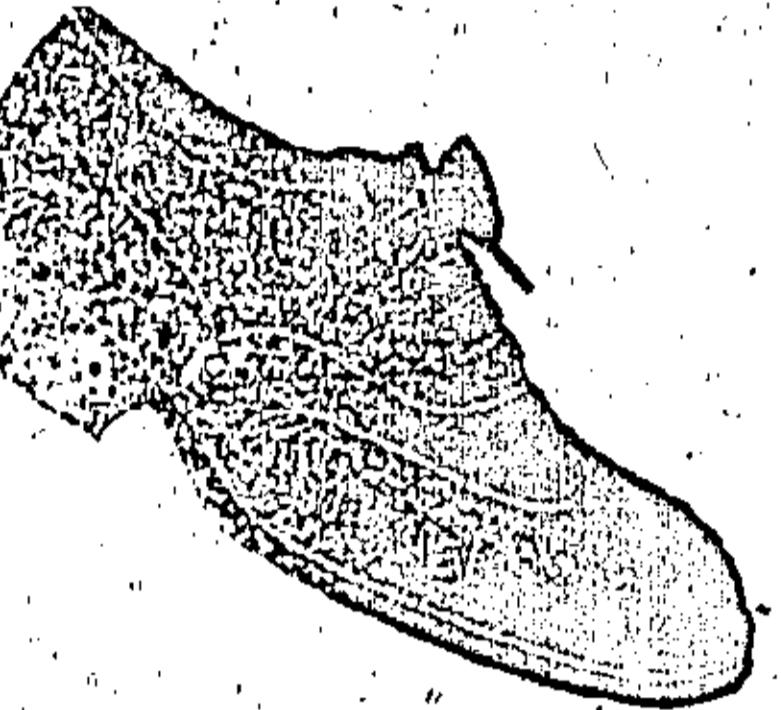
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LASH FOR THIEVES.

No comment on a sentence on a convicted man can be just unless it takes into account, firstly, the adequacy of the punishment, and, secondly, its deterrent effect on others criminally disposed. The use of the "cat" for bag-snatchers has not for the first time been the subject of comment here, but both the Bench and the Press have been agreed that there are times when even a comparatively trifling offence such as snatching handbags from ladies or earrings from Chinese children is perfectly justifiable.

Flogging may be objected to by those who profess more than an average proportion of humanitarianism as being brutal and degrading, but ethics and ethics alone cannot prevent an isolated case leading to an epidemic. Were the criminal records of the Colony of the last six months, to go no further back, to show a white sheet in respect of bag-snatching from foreign ladies, there would naturally be not the slightest need to invoke the aid of the lash either as a punishment or as a deterrent. Unfortunately, cases of this kind have been fairly numerous. Some of the delinquents have escaped, for they have been cowardly enough to commit their offences in secluded parts of the Peak or, paradoxical though it may seem, in crowded streets which afford an all too easy means of escape amongst their own compatriots. To the coward and the bully nothing is feared so much as a good flogging. One need not enter

That Art Gallery.

Outside sources of information indicate that Sir Paul Chater has made a gift of books and pictures to the Colony. Mr. J. O. P. Bland is quite certain on the matter for he assures us that of the many benefits conferred by Sir Paul Chater on his fellow citizens of the Crown colony of Hongkong, "assuredly none will rank higher

in time to come than his gift of this collection of pictures and books descriptive of the early days of the Colony and commemorative of the events which led, and the men who contributed, to its making." So far the Colony seems to be without news of this bequest; but it is more than likely that it will be made. We certainly hope so if only that it will bring to prominent notice a thing which the Colony needs—either an Art Gallery, or the provision of a Hall to house art treasures and where lectures and concerts may be given—for unless Sir Paul's treasures are to go to Government House and the University, it is obvious that a building will need to be provided. Ceylon, it is interesting to note, is bestirring itself in the matter of an Art Gallery. The following from the "Ceylon Times" is interesting if only for the reason that it voices Hongkong's Governor's opinion:—

Sir William Manning, Sir Graeme Thomson, Sir Edward Stubbs and Sir John Fraser, have in public speeches given encouragement and urged the Ceylonese to support the movement to provide such a gallery, maintaining that all civilised countries recognise the cultivation of the fine arts as a part of their education systems and spend large sums in promoting its development.

The scope of the Ceylon scheme is a wide one embracing not only painting, sculpture and architecture, but aiming at a development of the local arts and crafts, and the encouragement of music and drama. The Art Gallery will be in the first place a museum of works of art open at all times to all classes of the public, the educated and industrial classes, and therefore of permanent benefit to people in all parts of the island, irrespective of race or religion. It will also be a place where all can meet on common ground. The completed building will consist of three wings, devoted to:—(1) The Fine Arts, (2) Applied Arts, (3) Music and Drama, and a Library. In the Fine Art Wing will be galleries designed for the display of drawings and paintings, and a gallery for exhibition of sculpture will also be included. In the Applied Art wing there will be galleries for arts and crafts. The music and drama wing will be a hall with a seating capacity of 700 to 1,000, designed primarily for acoustic excellence. The hall will be suitable for concerts, recitals, orchestral concerts, stage plays and lectures. Such a hall could also be used for public lectures and for meetings of public bodies or Associations. It is a scheme which might well be adopted for Hongkong. It is a remarkable fact that spiritual and artistic progress has not gone hand in hand with the material progress of the Colony. The appeal for a public band either on the lines of that at Shanghai or the one more recently formed at Singapore has, so far, fallen on deaf ears—perhaps because there has been more talk about it of an indefinite nature, and less of concrete plans and proposals. A leader is needed—someone who will voice the need and carry the community with him. That lead was given in the case of the University; why not in the case of an Art Gallery? Perhaps Sir Paul Chater's noble bequest will bring matters to a head.

THEY SAY THAT—

Loyalty to our own nation must be combined with justice towards other nations.—Canon Donaldson.

English women are disguising their good looks by adopting the prevailing fashions.—Sir Frank Dicksee, P.R.A.

I'll now be able to show my interpreters on the stage not only how to talk my lines, but also how to walk.—Mr. G. B. Shaw.

To a great degree the moral life of our young people is undermined by the exhibition of American films. Rev. J. E. S. Hackforth.

By education, rather than by legislation, can we expect to effect a substantial reduction in the accident roll.—Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.

TO-DAY'S SMILE.



CHEAP GENEROSITY.
"I dreamed that you bought me a superb necklace of pearls!"

"Ah, I am glad to have pleased you so much!"

In higher education—secondary

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

That the "Riddle of the Sphinx" means that the origin or object of the Sphinx is a Riddle to us.

The phrase "the riddle of the Sphinx" means the riddle which the Sphinx is said to have asked Oedipus. Bacon gives the story in his "Wisdom of the Ancients," Chap. XXVII, to the effect that the Sphinx propounded certain dark, and perplexing riddles, and if the wretched captives could not at once solve and interpret the same she cruelly tore them to pieces. The Thebans offered to any man who should expound the Sphinx's riddle the sovereignty of Thebes as his reward. Oedipus gave the right answer which gave him the victory, and he thereupon slew the Sphinx. Sir Ernest Wallis Budge, M.A., D.Lit., F.S.A., p. 295, The Nile, says, "Around the imposing relic of antiquity, whose origin is wrapped in mystery, a number of legends and superstitions have clustered in all ages; but Egyptology has shown (1) that it was a colossal image of Ra-Har-machis, and therefore of his human representative upon earth, the King of Egypt, who had it hewn; and (2) that it was in existence in the time of, and was probably repaired by Cheops and Chephren, who lived about 3,700 B.C."

Mr. Firestone
TOO MUCH. reminds us, in his attractive mythology of travel, "The Coasts of Illusion" (Harper), that if Columbus had known that Asia was a 12,000 miles voyage to the westward, he would never have set out to the discovery of America. The prospect would have been too much for him. He was misled to a new world by romance, and maps which hoped spaciously for the best. It appears, too, that, secure, in attractive and anciently established error, never suspecting that he had strayed outside the lore of his fellows, he was confident that he had reached a land which, however, was still many thousands of miles distant over the waters of an ocean he had not seen. The Standard Oil shareholders, in their pre-natal existence, would have become very anxious in their previous world of the spirit if they had overheard a critical geographer trying with hard facts to break the faith of Columbus in the rubbish of his maps. And Mr. Firestone shows what a wonderful and alluring world outside Europe it was to those who had no doubts about anthropophagi, bearded women, the Fortunat Isles, mountains of diamonds, krakens, unicorns, and the Fountain of Youth. It was exactly these inducements which beguiled forefathers from their homes, and sent them to unknown oceans to learn that they had been wrong.

An annual fair is held TRINITY on Trinity Monday, MONDAY Tuesday, and Wednesday at Southampton.

It is opened by the Mayor and bailiffs, with much ceremony, on the preceding Saturday afternoon. The Mayor erects a pole with a large glove fixed to the top of it, near the miller's house; and the bailiff then takes possession of the fair, as chief magistrate in its precinct during the fair, and invites the Mayor and his suite to a collation in his tent. He appoints a gurd, a halberdier who keeps the peace by day, and watch the fair by night. During the fair no person can be arrested for debt within its precincts. On the Wednesday at noon, the Mayor dissolves the fair, by taking down the pole and glove, or rather ordering it to be taken down; which at one time was done by the young men of the town, who fired at it with single balls, till it was destroyed, or they were tired of the sport.

The Hongkong CADUCEUS. University Medical Society's magazine is called Caduceus. The following on the name has its own interest:—

HOW LONDON PROVIDES LIBRARIES.

Although it seems a truism in this generation that libraries must play an important part in any good system of education it was not many years ago that they were neglected in London, writes the London correspondent of the "Christian Science Monitor." Now the London County Council, which controls public education within its area, has evolved a system for the distribution of books, which, if still imperfect, is a long way ahead of the pitiful libraries of half a century ago.

It must feed the 665,000 children in the elementary schools, 120,000 students who attend evening institutes, and 30,000 teachers.

Books for elementary education are drawn from four sources; the requisition list, the circulation scheme, the loan collection, and the education library. Up to a limit fixed by per capita allowances in an elementary school may requisition books once a year. From a catalogue of many hundreds of books the head teacher selects his list.

Under the circulation scheme books are also requisitioned from the County Hall at Westminster, but they remain at the school for only six months. They are supplied in sets in order that pupils in a class may each have a copy. Forty thousand sets are now in use, with a total number of volumes amounting to 2,000,000. They are not text-books, but standard works by famous authors. At the end of each half year the books are collected and sent to another school.

THE LOAN COLLECTION.

The loan collection of 65,000 volumes is kept at the County Hall, the majority are English classics. To these must be added 145,000 copies of part songs and other song music, and 25,000 copies of instrumental selections. This music library is in large demand by music classes at evening institutes.

The Education Library contains reference books of value to teachers. By a system of circulation it enables each school to have a small reference library. Membership of this library has grown since the war. In 1912 there were 1,300 teachers using 6,700 books. To-day 12,000 teachers use 25,000 books.

Finally an effort is being made to bring schools and public libraries in closer association with each other. This important work has in the past been spasmodic, depending on the initiative and energy of the librarian of a particular public library. Various schemes have been adopted in different areas. In some special facilities are given schools which wish to use books in class, in another district the librarian permits selected classes from schools to use the library for reference purposes. The children attend in school hours, and the visit under the care of a

STINNES MILLIONS.

SUBSIDIARY FIRM'S DIFFICULTIES.

BANKS TO RESCUE.

Magnate's Son To Take General Control.

Reports that one of the Hugo Stinnes companies is being reorganized recall one of the most remarkable careers in modern industry.

BANKERS' MEETING.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, June 9.

In connection with the position of the Stinnes firm, the Stinnes newspaper "Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" admits that reorganization is proceeding not in connection with the "Stinnes concern," the Stinnes Rhein Elbe Schuckert

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Hugo Stinnes.

Union, but in connection with the firm of Hugo Stinnes Muelheim-Ruhr.

The journal expects that with the assistance of the banks, the present reorganization will lead to renewed activity.

It is stated positively from Berlin that there was a conference of bankers on June 5 under the chairmanship of the President of the Reichsbank to investigate the financial condition of



HUGO STINNES, JR.

the firm. A scheme for the reorganization of the concern was prepared under which Herr Hugo

MOROCCO FIGHTING.

FRENCH ADVANCE POSTS RETREAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

FEZ, June 9.

Enemy incursions into the Loukkous district continue.

The French advance posts at some points have fallen back in good order.

Enemy efforts to penetrate the French lines south of Wergha have been beaten off with heavy losses.

Fez, June 9.

All the prominent Moslems of Fez visited the wounded soldiers to whom they brought many gifts. A collection made in the Arab quarters yielded within some hours 15,000 francs, which the natives handed over to the French authorities in order that the money should be distributed among the wounded of every religion. General Lyantey is receiving from all parts of Morocco messages congratulating and thanking the troops.—Flava.

PREMIER'S CONCERN.

Paris, June 9.

In the Cabinet M. Painlevé announced that he would go to Morocco in the evening by aeroplane accompanied by M. Eynac the Under-Secretary for Air.

Washington, June 9.—Official circles are interested in telegrams from Ottawa, stating that Canada has decided to send mounted police to the Arctic to establish patrols on the islands north of the mainland.

HOPE GONE.

Entombed Miners Doomed.

EXPLOSION DISASTER.

SEVENTEEN MEN FACING DEATH.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Sturgis, Kentucky, June 9.

It now appears that seventeen miners may be entombed by an explosion in the West Kentucky Coal Co.'s mine and there is practically no hope of rescuing them alive.

SPEED TESTS

ROUND GERMANY FLIGHT.

"BABIES" COMPLETE CIRCUIT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, June 9. Thirty-five out of thirty-eight airmen who participated in the fifth and last circuit of the round Germany flight up to the present have returned to the Tempelhof Aerodrome. The winners of the competition will not be announced for a fortnight.

The fastest speed of the last circuit was attained by Bourner with a 60-h.p. Wright machine of 488 minutes. Two babies completed this circuit in sixteen hours. Loerzer will probably be the winner of the under 40-h.p. class, as he has flown the greatest mileage, although he was not able to complete the last circuit through a forced landing.

SOVIET ENEMIES.

THREE DEATH SENTENCES SUSPENDED.

(Reuter's Service.)

MOSCOW, June 9. The execution of General Belavin, M. Ivaroff and Madame Kiczekowska has been suspended.

[The Kiev Military Tribunal concluded on June 6, the trial of the members of an anti-Soviet organisation called "Russia for the Russians," headed by an ex-Tsarist General Belavin, who is accused of military espionage on behalf of Poland. General Belavin and M. Ivanoff, who was an official on the Staff of the Ukrainian Red Army and a woman intermediary, Nina Kiczekowska, were sentenced to death. Twelve others were variously imprisoned and one acquitted. General Belavin is alleged to have described himself as the ideological enemy of the Soviet and to have admitted the charge.]

HOME TAXES.

NO CUT IN THE TEA DUTY.

LACE TO PAY ITS SHARE.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, June 9.

The House of Commons at the committee stages of the Finance Bill rejected by 274 to 149 votes a Labour amendment to reduce the tea duty to 1d.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Churchill pointed out that 393,000,000 lbs. of tea were consumed in the United Kingdom last year compared with 381,000,000 lbs. the previous year, while the 1925-26 Budget estimated the consumption at 395,000,000 lbs.

LATER.

In the House of Commons, the clause of the Budget embodying the tea duty was adopted by 274 to 140 votes.

LACE TO BE TAXED.

LONDON, June 9.

In the House of Commons, the Premier, Mr. Baldwin, announced that the Government had decided to adopt a recommendation by the committee to impose a 33½ per cent. ad valorem duty on imports of lace and embroidery of all kinds.

MCKENNA DUTIES.

LONDON, June 9.

After the rejection of a series of Labour and Liberal amendments in the course of an all night debate following the time-worn fiscal controversial lines, the House of Commons adopted the McKenna Duties by 186 to 67 votes.

Melbourne, June 9.—Major Di Pinedo arrived at St. Kilda in the presence of large crowd.—Reuter.

Minneapolis, June 9.—One of the main features of the four day celebrations by Norse-Americans of the centenary of the landing of the first Norwegian colonists in the United States was the address of President Calvin Coolidge, who pointed to the success of the United States in fusing together the diverse peoples as an example to the world in an effort to bring about the fraternity and co-operation of peoples of apparently conflicting

AERIAL TERRORS.

WHAT MAY HAPPEN IN NEXT WAR.

EXPERT'S DREAD.

The Best Means of Defending the Empire.

The opinion that the advantages of aviation in the service of civilisation in peace may be more than out-balanced by the wreck that air warfare may bring has been expressed by the Air Chief Marshal, Sir Hugh Trenchard.

The Air Chief Marshal, Sir Hugh M. Trenchard, addressing the Cambridge University Aeronautical Society, said: "Although the Empire is peculiarly and geographically fitted for an air war, surpassing in that respect any other country, I would like to abolish the atmosphere, because the horror and devastation of air warfare outbalances the benefits of civil air services."

"Most naval battles have been fought close to the shore. None has been fought at more than 100 miles from the shore in the past 250 years. It is a mighty long distance for shore guns to shoot blindly at invisible warships, but

mobile units could defend the Empire more economically and more effectively than could the navy or army, and would adequately protect the trade routes."

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**COUNTY CRICKET.**

TH VANQUISHED BY ROSE COUNTIES.
SOME BIG SCORES.
INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT MATCHES.

South triumphed over South in test cricket matches, the result of which were cabled by Reuter from London night. Yorkshire and Lancashire, and are still undefeated but Yorkshire's clean sheet has gone, looks as if the two Rose teams will be at the head of the table for some time. Notts' up two places in the table, Northants give further proof of improvement, dismiss Surrey for 71 is a feather in Lancashire's Holmes Makes 315. Holmes scoring the 1st innings of his career, the highest for Yorkshire, Essex were beaten at Lord's 114 runs and 149 runs.

Essex 118 (Robinson, L., 5 wickets for 52 runs). Yorkshire 538 for 6 wickets (Holmes, P., 315 not out; Leyland, M., 61; Sutcliffe, 118 not out). Scores:

Notts' Big Innings. At Leicester, Notts beat Leicestershire by an innings and 155 runs. Scores:

Leicester 253. Notts 509 for 7 wickets declared (A. W. Carr 206; Walker, W., 78).

Leicester 101. Gloucester v. Derby.

Gloucestershire visited Chesterfield and beat Derbyshire by three wickets. Scores:

Derby 197.

Gloucester 278 (Dipper, A. G., 74).

Derby 178.

Gloucester 98 for 7 wickets.

To-day's Matches.

The following matches are due to start to-day:

Middlesex v. Worcestershire, at Lord's.

Yorkshire v. Gloucestershire, at Bradford.

Sussex v. Hampshire, at Horsham.

Essex v. Derbyshire, at Leyton.

Glamorgan v. Lancashire, at Cardiff.

Kent v. Leicestershire, at Blackheath.

Cambridge University v. Notts, at Cambridge.

An Easy Win. Northampton - Northants Warwickshire, ten. Scores:

Northants 376 (Woolley, C. N., 112; or P. A. Wright 112).

Warwickshire 122 (Wright 5 at Cambridge).

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1925.

POOR YEAR.

INDO-CHINA S.N. CO. REVIEW.

NUMEROUS HANDICAPS.

Surplus Tonnage And China Disorders.

Losses in last year's working of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., were attributed, at the annual meeting to-day, to surplus tonnage in the Far East, unstable political conditions in South China, disturbances in the North, poor rice crops and indirectly, the Japanese earthquake.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided at the 44th ordinary general meeting held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning. He was supported by Mr. A. H. White and the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang (directors) and Mr. E. F. Aucoit. Shareholders present comprised Messrs. Ho Shai-kit, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, Li Yun-kun, Ho Tang-ting, Fung Hun, F. C. Hall, A. Murdoch, N. L. H. Railton, Ho Kit, W. Galloway, A. M. da Silva, R. E. Macdougall, J. Fleming, A. Piercy, E. B. C. Hornell and H. Birkett.

Addressing the meeting, the chairman said:—

Gentlemen.—As it is past the time for which this meeting was called, I will ask Mr. Aucoit to read the notice convening the meeting and also the Auditors' Report.

After the notice and auditors' report had been read, the Chairman continued:—The report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some days, and with your permission I will, as customary, take them up as read. Your directors regret that the result of last year's working is again so unsatisfactory. The conditions with which all Shipping Companies operating tonnage in Far Eastern waters have had to contend during recent years have been deplorable, and the year under review has been no exception. From January until

March there were welcome signs of activity in the charter trades, and rates were not altogether unfavourable. There was, however, an abundance of tonnage available as in addition to the large number of miscellaneous steamers usually employed in the Southern charter business, numerous vessels under time charter to Japanese owners found their way into the Shihon and Bangkok trades owing to their inability to find remunerative employment in their own water as a result of the disastrous earthquake in Japan in the latter part of 1923. From April onwards rates began rapidly to decline, and other contributory causes to the severe depression in trade which set in about that time were the poor rice crops in Siam and Indo-China, and the political troubles throughout China.

The Civil War, which broke out in North China during the second half of the year, caused a considerable amount of Chinese owned tonnage to come South apparently in order to avoid the possible risk of requisition by Chinese military officials, and competition in all directions became still more active.

Much Surplus Tonnage.

The Bangkok-Hongkong berth rates from April onwards remained almost stationary at 35 cents per picul inside the bar loading, which is the lowest average figure on record since pre-war days, whilst the Saigon-Hongkong rate, the governing factor in arriving at the condition of Southern charter business, remained during the greater part of the year at a very unremunerative level, falling in November to the ridiculous figure of 8 cents per picul.

Under these conditions it will be readily understood that the supply of tonnage was greatly in excess of the demand, the consequence being an intrusion of outside steamers into several of our regular berth trades, and in co-operation with other friendly companies, it was unfortunately necessary at times to reduce our tariff rates against these competitors to an unprofitable scale in order to maintain our position in the regular trades.

Tribute to Staff.

I am glad to be able to state that no casualty of a serious nature occurred during the year under review, and our thanks are due to the staff, both ashore and afloat, for willing and valuable services rendered.

It is with regret that your directors have to record the death of the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, who has filled the position as auditor to the company for some years past. Also of Captain F. T. Wheeler, the company's late marine superintendent at Hongkong. The benefit of Mr. Lowe's advice in connection with the accounts has always been very keenly appreciated. Captain Wheeler served the Company well and faithfully for a period of 29 years, and showed marked ability in the performance of his duties as marine superintendent, to which post he was appointed in 1919. I feel sure you would wish to express to the relatives of these gentlemen, whose loss is much deplored, the Company's deep sympathy with them in their bereavement.

Turning to the statement of accounts, you will notice that Building Reserve Account has been increased by £12,363.7.2., which represents the gain on the book values on the sale of the Taisang and Wingsang already mentioned.

Securities have been sold during the year to defray the cost of new tonnage and to pay for current expenses. The profit on the sale of these investments amounted to £17,705.12.11, and has been transferred from Investment Fluctuation Reserve to Revenue Account.

Changes in the Fleet.

In some directions the agreements concluded last year with competitors in our regular trades, which matter I referred to at our last annual meeting, have borne good results, and others are still under discussion. These negotiations are of an important nature, and it is hoped a satisfactory settlement will be reached in the near future.

With regard to the question of tonnage, your directors took advantage of a favourable opportunity to dispose of two of the Company's

A FAMOUS TENOR.

TREAT IN STORE FOR HONGKONG.

Mr. Edward Johnson, the noted Metropolitan tenor, made his first appearance in the Far East at Tokyo at the Kabuki-za before a large, representative and appreciative audience.

An Italian gentleman who was present at the First Concert in Tokyo sends the following:—

"The Kabuki-za was a scene of unprecedented enthusiasm when Edward Giovanni, the gifted young artist, made his debut in Tokyo before a thronged audience. It was an epochal triumph. From the moment his glorious voice intoned the First Number 'Capito Maveto' from Andrea Chemer, the enthusiasm was so great that overwhelming applause followed each and every number on the programme, and when he gave Schubert's 'Who is Sylvia,' the eternally popular song, the enthusiasm rose to such a pitch that hats flew all over the theatre and shouts of Bravo Giovanni from the foreign element of the audience were continuously audible."

The new steamer Lienshing, 2,416 gross tons, built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., for the Shanghai Tientsin run, was delivered by the builders during the month of May. She is an exceptionally fine coaster, being fitted with the very latest cargo handling gear, and having superior passenger accommodation. Since being placed on the run, she has become a very popular vessel.

Yangtze Extension.

In view of the steady expansion of shipping business in the Yangtze River, in which this Company is very largely interested, your directors considered it necessary to acquire an additional steamer to operate on the Middle Yangtze between Hankow and Ichang. The order for the vessel

was placed with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., and it is hoped to have her ready for service about October next. It was also found necessary to purchase another tow-boat and six lighters to act as feeders to our steamers at Hankow. These have recently been delivered by builders in Shanghai, and are now in commission.

As regards the Upper Yangtze trade, I regret to state we have experienced further trouble with the Ichang. After being re-conditioned under the superintendence of an expert sent out from Home by the builders, she resumed her run between Ichang and Chungking. Later in the year, however, she met with a mishap by breaking a shaft which necessitated her return to Shanghai. Stronger shafting is now being fitted, and it is hoped she will shortly be in commission again.

Our new steamer Kingwo also running on the Upper Yangtze has I am glad to say proved a decided success and has performed excellent service. Conditions in the Ichang-Chungking trade during the year under review were more favourable. It is satisfactory to note that very little fighting took place on the river itself and there were fewer cases of firing upon steamers, a practice which has been so prevalent in previous years. Your directors regard the development of this line as most important, not only for itself, but as a feeder for our other river boats, and to strengthen our position they decided to augment our tonnage by another steamer. This is being constructed by the Kiangnan Dock and Engineering Works in Shanghai, who built the Kingwo, and the vessel is expected to be completed in July.

Bad Times Not Ended?

The losses during the last three years have been very large, and as there is no indication that we yet come to an end of our bad times your directors considered it would be wiser not to declare a dividend on the Preferred Ordinary shares, and a note that this is a liability of the company appears in the Balance-Sheet. Their action will, I trust, meet with your approval.

With regard to the future, gentlemen, I can only say that competition is still very keen, rates of freight remain at a low level, and business generally is in a depressed condition. A return to prosperity, as you must well realize, depends very largely on a final cessation of the continual civil commotion in China, the prospects of which unfortunately appear to be remote. In one or two instances our operating costs for the current year are likely to show a reduction and with the anticipated conclusion of satisfactory agreements with our competitors already referred to, it is hoped our results for 1925 will be more favourable.

I now beg to propose the following resolution:—

"That the report and statement of accounts as presented, including the transfer of £17,705.12.11 from Investment Fluctuation Reserve Account and £191,000 from Contingency Account to Revenue Account be adopted, and that the sum of £944.13.7 be carried forward to next year's account."

As soon as this resolution has been seconded I shall be pleased to reply to best of my ability to any questions which shareholders desire to ask.

Mr. H. Birkett seconded and the resolution was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. C. Hall proposed and Mr. Ho Kwong seconded the re-election of the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. A. H. White as directors. Mr. Ho Leung proposed and Mr. W. Galloway seconded the re-election of Mr. John Fleming and Mr. A. Ritchie as auditors for 1925, at a remuneration of £5,000. Both proposals were carried unanimously.

UNIQUE EVENT.

STEAMBOAT CO'S NEW STEAMER.

DUAL CHRISTENING.

THIS MORNING'S BRAVE ASSEMBLAGE AT TAIKOO.

Unique, in that it was made the occasion of the first christening that has taken place, at any rate in Hongkong, the launching of the twin screw steamer "Taishan," built to the order of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company took place at the Taikoo Dockyard this morning.

The actual launching was as pretty a ceremony as could be wished for and everything went off without a hitch. At the appointed time the supports were struck away, the word was given and the Misses Dorothy and Joyce Holyoak simultaneously let go the mechanical release and discharged against the side with the desired effect two bottles containing the liquid.

The "Taishan" moved forward without a creak gathering just enough momentum to carry her well into the water. Behind, she left a specially erected platform crowded with guests and it would be difficult to express an opinion as to which presented the bravest appearance, the beflagged boat sliding down the ways or the gay assemblage from whose throats issued three hearty cheers as the boat actually took the water.

A specially erected and gaily decorated marquee the occasion was celebrated by hundreds of guests among whom at the head table were His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G., Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Luard, Sir Claud, Severn, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mrs. and the Misses Dorothy and Joyce Holyoak, Comodore and Miss Stirling, Mr. and Mrs. J. Reid, Mr. G. M. Young and Mrs. Hunter.

Prior to proposing long life and prosperity to the "Taishan," Mr. G. M. Young spoke as follows:

Double Good Luck.

Your Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the Taikoo Dockyard, I thank you all for coming to see the launch of the latest and most up-to-date vessel yet built for the traffic between this Colony and the famous city of Canton.

We were very gratified to receive the order from our friends, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., and trust that our efforts to give them of our best will prove in every way satisfactory, and that the vessel will become the favourite one for passengers of all classes, as well as for cargo.

As the fame of "Taishan," the great mountain of China, is known to millions, so I trust will the fame of the steamer, which has just been launched by the Misses Joyce and Dorothy Holyoak, spread through every district from which passengers and cargo come for conveyance on these waters, not only as the first steamer that has been christened by two ladies, but that this brought a double portion of good luck to the steamer and those that travel by her.

I shall be very pleased if the young ladies will each accept a memento (a platinum wrist watch set with diamonds) from the Taikoo Dockyard of this fortunate occurrence and that you will all join in drinking long life and prosperity to the "Taishan."

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak rose, after the toast had been honoured with much enthusiasm. On behalf of the owners of the new boat he thanked Mr. Young for his good wishes and offered hearty congratulations on the highly successful launching accomplished. He did not doubt from the plans and what he had already seen that the vessel would prove popular with all who used it and when times became more normal and trade conditions once more settled down to what they used to be like, the record of this boat would surpass the records of any boat in the line.

He thank them for the compliment paid his family in asking his daughters to launch the boat and acknowledged on their behalf the handsome mementoes. In a way the ceremony was unique—a double christening at a launching—at any rate it was in Hongkong. It recalled to him another family record. Several years ago his wife had launched at the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company a boat of the same name.

With these remarks he wished to convey thanks to Mr. Young for the sentiments expressed and to wish the Taikoo Dockyard prosperity and success. (Applause.)

Welcoming the guests and thanking Mr. Holyoak on behalf of the Taikoo Dockyard, Mr. J. Reid said that they had a fine empty berth and he hoped that other orders would come along

CHINA'S DEFAULT.

ACTING MINISTER'S PROMISES.

(Reuters' Service.)

LONDON, June 9.

A deputation representing the British holders of the Marconi and Vickers eight per cent. Chinese loans waited on the Acting Chinese Minister at the Legation in London yesterday to make representations to the Peking Government regarding the failure to pay interest thereon.

Dr. Chu replied sympathetically and assured the deputation that it was the intention of the Chinese Government to meet its obligations on these loans at the earliest possible moment.

NEW SIAM TREATY.

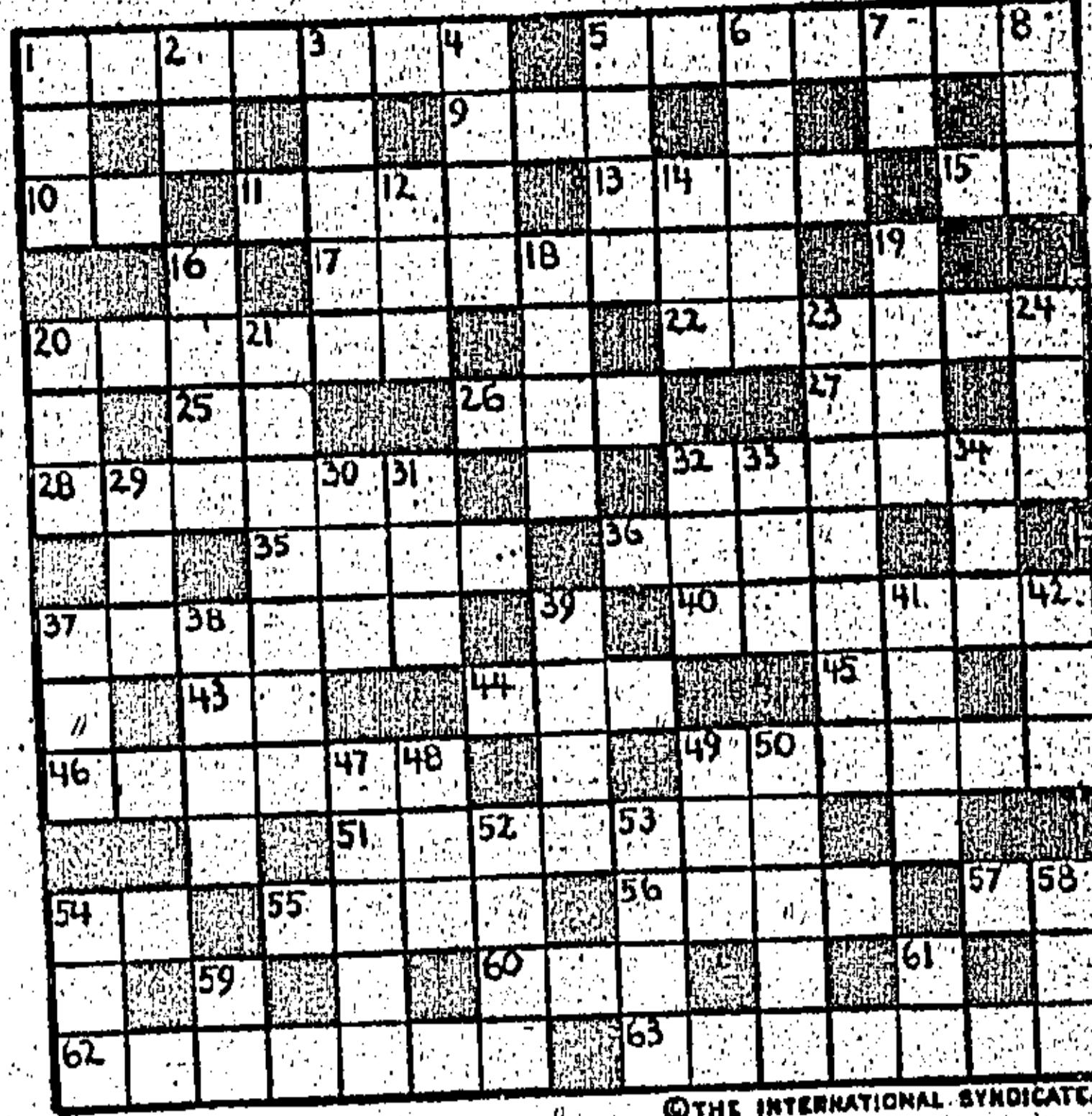
(Reuters' Service.)

AMSTERDAM, June 9.

The New Dutch-Siamese treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation based on the most favoured nation treatment, was signed at the Foreign Ministry at the Hague to-day.

CHINA MAIL'S CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(These cross-word puzzles have been made by experts but our readers are warned to watch out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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| 1 | To steer a boat wildly |
| 2 | Persons associated in business (abbr.) |
| 3 | To walk with heavy step |
| 4 | Not far |
| 5 | Reproduce |
| 6 | A familiar shrub or tree |
| 7 | Negative |
| 8 | To feed |
| 9 | Scotch word for "have" |
| 10 | Ship's Description. |
| 11 | The Taishan is a twin-screw river steamer of the following dimensions: |
| 12 | Length over-all..... 300' 6" |
| 13 | Length between perpendiculars..... 290' 0" |
| 14 | Breadth extreme..... 56' 2" |
| 15 | Breadth moulded..... 54' 0" |
| 16 | Depth moulded to saloon deck..... 22' 6" |
| 17 | Depth moulded to main deck..... 13' 6" |
| 18 | The vessel has a double bottom fitted all fore and aft, two large cargo holds and a smaller hold specially fitted up for the carriage of silk. There are three decks, the saloon and boat decks for 49 first-class passengers and 24 second-class. |
| 19 | Intermediate passengers are berthed aft on saloon deck in a large deck-house while the third-class are carried on the main deck. The first-class passengers are accommodated in 23 single-berthed cabins, 10 double-berthed cabins and two family cabins of 3 berths each. Seven pairs of the single-berthed cabins are convertible into double-berthed cabins by means of a communicating door. Four of the state-rooms have been specially fitted up as "cabins de luxe," each having its own decorative scheme; private bath-rooms are also attached to these cabins. |
| 20 | The dining saloon, which is situated forward on saloon deck, has a height of 11 feet and is entirely free of pillars. Particular care and attention has been given to the design of this room which is about 42 feet square and will form a special feature of the vessel, everything having been carefully studied to give a light and airy appearance. |
| 21 | Normally the saloon can accommodate 48 persons at small tables for four persons each, but these tables can be extended so as to accommodate a greater number when required. The floor of the saloon is laid with teak parquetry and the corridors in the first-class accommodation have been laid with rubber tiling. |
| 22 | On the boat deck adjoining the main entrance to cabins a smoking room has been arranged and is designed on the old English style with oak beams and paneling, all the fittings being in keeping. The seats are upholstered in leather, and with the comfortable lounge chairs, card tables and other fittings which are being provided, it is bound to be a very popular room. |
| 23 | The captain, officers, engineers, wireless room and navigating quarters have been placed on a deck somewhat higher than the passenger deck forming a citadel, which meets all the special requirements of the Anti-Piracy Committee. |
| 24 | The firemen and engine room staff are housed convenient to the engine room and grilles off from the main deck, so that they cannot be interfered with in the event of piracy. Electric light is fitted throughout the vessel and numerous fans provided; hot and cold water service is laid on to all wash basins throughout the vessel. |
| 25 | The machinery, which consists of 2 sets of four crank balanced engines with 4 boilers, has been constructed by the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Co., and is designed to give the vessel a speed of 15 knots on service, but an extra knot is anticipated on trial. |
| 26 | The "Taishan" being the first vessel the Taikoo Dock has constructed for the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., no effort has been spared to turn out a first-class vessel suitable in every way for the Hongkong-Canton run. |
| 27 | The superintendence of the vessel during construction has been in the hands of Mr. F. W. James, the Company's Super- |

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's "China Mail" along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

CHARLES RAY REGISTERS NEW TRIUMPH.

Charles Ray has scored another screen triumph in "Two Minutes to Go," a story of college life, which began an engagement at the Queen's Theatre last night.

Ray gives an excellent portrayal of a football hero in this admirable attraction. The charm and virility which has characterised Ray in past screen successes was never better exemplified than in his interpretation of the rôle of the college lad, who, through financial reverses, is compelled to quit the team and give his spare time to peddling milk as a means of working his way through school.

Because he is ashamed of the job and offers no explanation of his leaving the team on which he has been the star player, Chet Burnett, portrayed by Ray, gains only the contempt of his classmates and his sweetheart.

The great day comes, however, when Chet saves his team from defeat and transforms a combination of misfortunes into happiness.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

German-Australia is now the cheapest place in Europe in which to live, says the "Berner Bund." This is, it is said, because the place is less able to make gold payments than any other part of Europe.

The Eastern Extension Australasia and China Telegraph Co., Ltd., Hongkong Station, have issued an "Express" stating that the delay on telegrams for Shanghai and beyond, as notified in their "Express" of May 26, has now been removed.

A Marine Court of Enquiry has been fixed to assemble at the Harbour Office at 10.30 a.m. on Monday next to investigate the circumstances attending the collision between the s.s. Fatshan and the s.s. Hang Cheong, as the vessels were entering Canton harbour on the morning of June 4. The composition of the Court has not yet been announced.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ended on June 6 shows 1 Chinese case of small-pox, 3 fatal Chinese cases of enteric fever and 1 fatal Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever, out of 5 reported. There was one case of rabies in a dog, and one person died from influenza, a non-notifiable complaint. The return for the 24 hours ended on June 8 shows 1 English (imported) case of enteric fever, and 1 American case of para-typhoid fever, also imported.

The following paragraph is culled from the pages of "Truth":—It is instructive to read that at the beginning of their training, the Oxford crew were all inoculated against colds. The result can hardly be regarded as a triumph of applied science. Irrespective of what happened on Saturday (when the Oxford boat was swamped during the race) only two of the crew escaped illness during training, and one was unable to row at the last. Those who did not have colds had something worse; and it may well be suspected, that, so far as the inoculation prevented colds, it caused a liability to other complaints. Something wrong with the serum, perhaps. But I wonder what the trainers of thirty or forty years ago would have said to a proposal to put men through a medical operation as a first step to perfect fitness!

At the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last evening and on Monday evening, the "Pantaloanatics" of H.M.S. Durban presented a very enjoyable programme by permission of Capt. J. C. Hamilton, R.N. The proceeds from the two efforts are to be sent to Walter J. Barnicoat, a stoker, who, as the result of an accident, was recently invalidised out of the Navy. The artists and those principally connected with the performances were:—MacMuller; Billy Beggy; Davy Jones; Billy Williams; Reg. H. Hermann; W. Preston, J. B. Taylor; R. Bazley; and E. G. Sams.

English drama is well represented on the Russian stage. Bernard Shaw's "Saint Joan," despite the false report of its suppression, is enjoying a long run at the Kamerny Theatre, Moscow. Last season this enterprising and original company put on G. K. Chesterton's "The Man Who Was Thursday," "Hamlet," and "Twelfth Night" have both attracted large audiences for many performances. The Little Theatre (so called because of its proximity to the Big Theatre, or State Opera House) includes in its repertoire John Galsworthy's "Silver Box," Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie" has encountered an enthusiastic reception, and a rather overenthusiastic play of Dickens' "The Battle of Life," is being played by one of the studios of the Art Theatre.

King Alfred's legs, as represented in a painting hung on the walls of one of the committee rooms in Parliament buildings, have been figuring in House of Commons debate. The matter was raised by a facetious Unionist member, who took exception to the picture as being out of drawing, though it was subsequently described by the Government spokesman as a very fine example of the early work of Watts, "who is one of our most distinguished artists." It shows King Alfred a thousand years ago waving on the Saxons with his sword to repel Danish raiders from the sea. The offending leg is twisted as the King looks over his shoulder at the men who are following him. The House of Commons laughed, but the picture is to stay where it is. A proposal by another member to remove it to the lunch room, in honour of King Alfred's connection with burnt cakes, failed to draw the chairman of the kitchen committee.

America in 1924 took approximately 16,000,000,000 rides on electric railways in various forms of local transportation, or about 145 rides for each inhabitant of the United States. It is shown in figures published by the American Electric Railway Association, covering properties representing 58 per cent of the revenue produced by such carriers. This is a decrease of about 1 per cent from the record figures for 1923.

Just lately a good deal of chaff has been launched on the Southern Railway over its "lost train." Here are the facts: At the beginning of the rush hour one day the 4.40 p.m. train set out travel fifteen miles to Chislehurst. Just beyond London Bridge it somehow got switched onto a wrong line. As soon as the driver realised what had happened he conferred with his guard, and at the next signal box asked for instructions. The signalman, appreciating that he could not get his train back on to its right line, signalled it as "express" on to Redhill to get it off the way as soon as possible. At Redhill it was sent straight through to Tonbridge and eventually back to Chislehurst. Thus a hundred or so city people longing for their homes did a 65-mile express trip at the expense of the railway company instead of their customary little run of fifteen miles. The Southern Railway authorities have resorted to a laboured denial of the possibility that any of their trains could really go astray, but facts are stubborn things to contradict.

It must be nearly 200 years since the famous legendary ride from London to York was accomplished by Dick Turpin and his Black Bess. For a great many years Fred Ginnett, the showman, staged a playlet dealing with the episode in which his black mare "Bess" regularly appeared. Bess has just been retired from business and is going into leisure ease at the well-known Spaniard's Inn on Hampstead Heath. Two years ago she crossed the Atlantic to appear in a play at the New York Hippodrome and returned to England just in time to take part in her old sketch of Turpin's ride. She had not been in this for eight years. Her ship only arrived at Southampton on the day of the first performance. She was rushed off to London and arrived at the Crystal Palace with only a few minutes to spare. She went straight into her part as if she had been doing it daily and went through it without a hitch.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Reuter announces the death of the French explorer Auguste Pavie.

Mr. C. J. Wang, general secretary of Chinese Y.M.C.A. at Amoy, China, is in Manila on a pleasure and business trip.

Major J. Macready, D.S.O., D.A.A. and Q.M.G., China Command, proceeded to North China on inspection duty per s.s. Huichow on Friday last.

Reuter's American Service cables that Professor McElroy of Princeton University has accepted the Professorship of American History at Oxford University.

Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., R.A., has assumed command on the British Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery, vice Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith, D.S.O., R.A., who has been granted leave.

A meeting of past pupils and all interested was held at St. Joseph's College yesterday evening for the purpose of discussing the arrangements for the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the College. It was stated that the Golden Jubilee would be celebrated on the 8th, 9th and 10th of November, and after the preliminary arrangements had been discussed, committees to deal with the various details of it were appointed.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), will perform the opening ceremony on June 24, of the nearly completed new four-storyed building which has been erected close to St. Joseph's College. This building which has been admirably planned on generous lines and has plenty of space, light and air, has been erected to meet the social and recreative requirements of the pupils of the St. Joseph's College generally. Among the sections it will house are to be found a gymnasium, laboratory, reading and writing rooms and other rooms suitable both for games, recreation and study.

The Admiralty have decided to substitute cups and saucers for the basins at present in use in seamen's messes, and it is proposed to effect this change gradually as the stocks of basins in His Majesty's ships and at the victualling yards become exhausted. Cups and saucers will be supplied first to home ships and establishments, including the Atlantic Fleet, being subsequently extended to foreign stations.

The "Daily Graphic" announces that Lady Oxford has consented to review Margot Asquith's latest book, "Places and Persons." The fact that Lady Oxford, as a member of the peerage, has been commissioned to review her own reminiscences, written when she was Mrs. Asquith, recalls the comment which Mr. Asquith (now the Earl of Oxford and Asquith) was gossiped to have made when he heard that his wife had sold her memoirs for £13,000. "Heavens, he is said to have exclaimed, "I hope they are not worth it!"

The Rev. Dr. William R. Inge, dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, speaking at a dinner of 1,000 members of the Church Club at the Hotel Astor, at which he was the guest of honour, praised American institutions and declared that his visit had strengthened his belief in modern civilization. Dean Inge, who is soon to return to England, said the American press is the only thing he did not like. "Frankly I found the press making a constant invasion of my privacy," he said. "I am not a cinema star or a football player or a diplomat, or even an archbishop, I bear no grudge, but I do think an unoffending stranger ought not to be dragged quite so ruthlessly into the limelight." Discussing a happier theme, he said he regarded Yale as "a perfect university," the New England towns and villages as "most charming human habitations," New York as "an amazing city," and the Hudson River as the grandest river that flows through any capital.

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YOUNG MAN WITH OFFERS
OF WORK.

Mr. Seymour Hicks, the actor-manager, is back in England after 15 months' tour in Australia and New Zealand.

He arrived with Mrs. Hicks (Miss Ellaline Terrell) and his daughter Miss Betty Hicks, in the White Star Liner Olympic.

"It is marvellous to be back,"

Mr. Hicks said to a reporter. "I could almost cry at being in England once more. We have travelled 33,000 miles, and have all come back very fit." Mr. Hicks said that there is no truth in the suggestion made in a certain quarter—not in "The Daily Mail"—that he was likely to succeed Mr. Basil Dean as co-managing director and producer at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. "I would not dream of going there," he said. "I have brought three new plays back with me and have plenty of work ahead."

The plays are two from America, "The Guardsman" and "Mr. Five o'Clock," and one, "Abel Wynne," by an Australian.

Mr. Hicks has written a book on Australia which is to be published shortly.

It is to be called "So This Is Australia!" and is according to the author, "full of split infinitives, and about a Cockney valet and an Englishman named Green."

Discussing his tour, Mr. Hicks said that he saw one aborigine, but no kangaroos or rabbits. The most popular play in his repertoire was "Old Bill." He brought back fifty-nine pieces of luggage, and the only thing lost on the tour was an electric iron.

Within five minutes of the Olympic berthing, Mr. Hicks was offered the chief part in a London revue, an offer which he will consider.

300 TO FOUR.

BRITISH OFFICER'S FEAT IN
WEST AFRICA.

Three hundred Somali tribesmen who have been continually raiding British territory across the Kenya border have been defeated and put to flight by only four of the King's African Rifles—one officer and three men.

Learning that 300 raiders had looted 3,000 cattle, Lieutenant Chester, with ten riflemen, set out on mules, but seven of the men were compelled to halt, and the lieutenant and three men went forward.

After many days of searching they overtook the raiders at night, and immediately opened fire, in spite of the tremendous odds against them.

The Somalis returned the fire, but so fierce was the fusillade from the one officer and three men that they evidently thought a considerable force was attacking them, and they eventually fled leaving nine dead and ten wounded, and their entire loot.

In their flight the raiders encountered the other seven riflemen, and there was a running fight, in which they lost three killed. There were no British casualties.

MILD YET EFFICIENT.

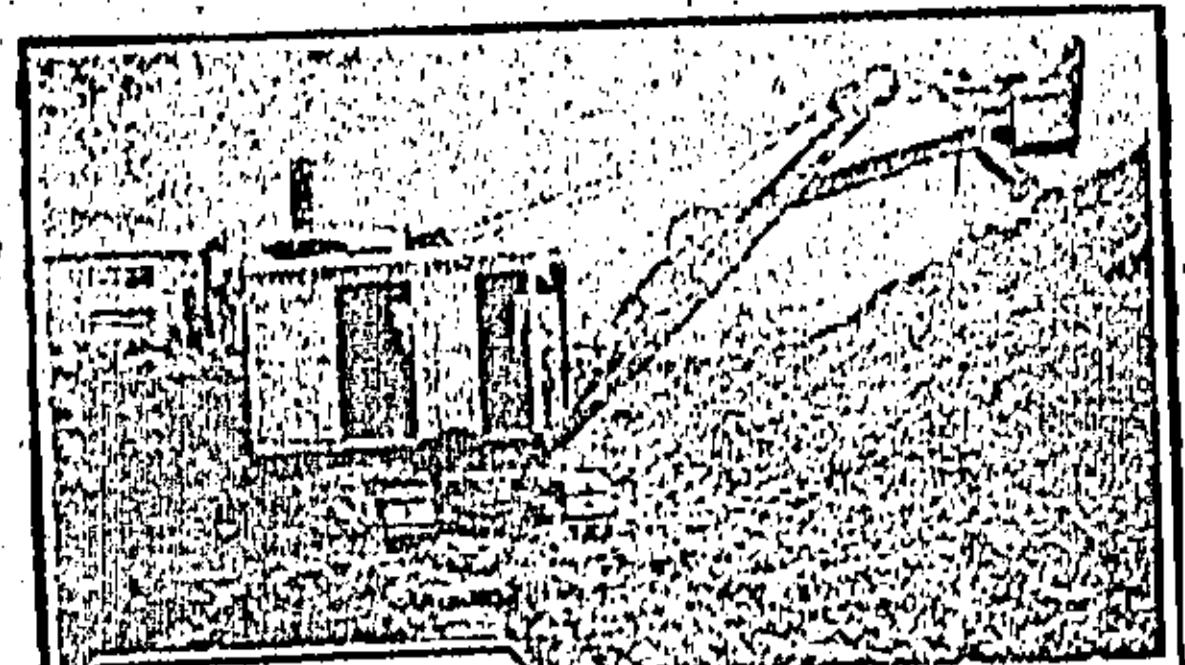
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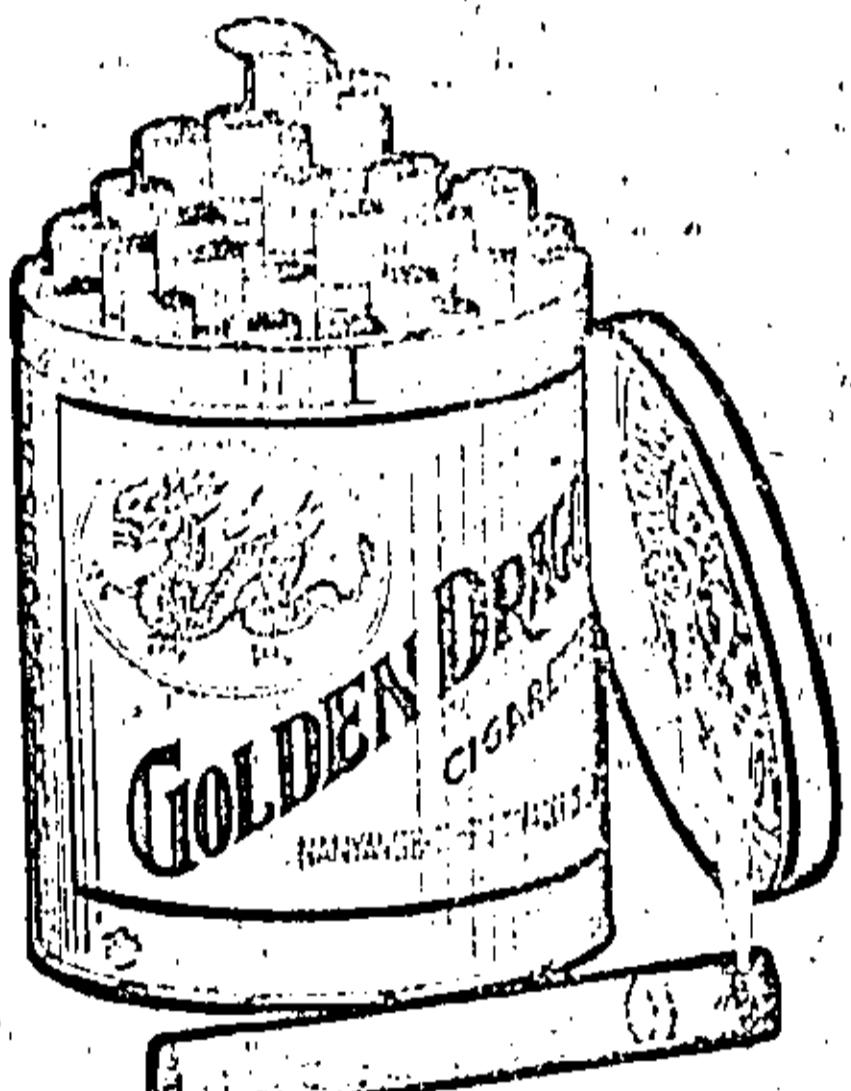
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Miss Anne Morgan, sister of Mr. J. P. Morgan, the noted banker, hastened to explain that the champagne bottle used to christen the new air mail "The Nighthawk," contained only mineral water.



Frank Ritter, blind violinist, wept over the body of his little fox-terrier, Pocahontas, who guided him safely through heavy traffic for nine years, and who was killed recently "barking him back" from a speeding car.



Miss Nellie Louise Condon, shown in the centre of the group, secretary of the Reptile Study Society, was bitten by the deadly copper-head snake she is shown examining; just after the photo was snapped. Despite thick gloves, she was instantly poisoned, but antitoxins were applied and she recovered.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT & MAJOR A.E. PATTERSON

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, son of the late President Roosevelt, shown receiving from Major E. A. Patterson, president of the Adventurers' Club, the club flag he will fly during his hunting expedition into Turkistan. His father carried the club emblem into Africa.



GEN. L.C. ANDREWS

Brigadier-General Lincoln Andrews, retired, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has been placed in charge of customs, the coast guard and the prohibition units.



MR. MOFFETT, MISS LOUISE HASKELL & GIFT BRACELET

When diamond and emerald bracelets valued at \$1,200 each, were delivered to Miss Louise Haskell, daughter of Judge Haskell, and her cousin, Miss Grace Haskell, daughter of Robert Haskell, attorney and prominent politician, there was no card to identify the donor. The judge called in the police, who discovered that the bracelets had been purchased by Harry Moffett, who had been a client of Mr. Haskell and a friend of Judge Haskell. Moffett, who recently inherited \$10,000 evidently thought this was a good way of showing his friendship, but he blandly denied that he had ever seen the bracelets, or knew anything about sending them. Likewise, he refused to take them back.



Lucius Seymour Storrs, recently appointed managing director of the traction industry of the United States. Mr. Storrs made a wide reputation while President of The Connecticut Company, which controls virtually all traction in that State, by telling the whole story of his problems to his car riders, changing "the public be damned" to "The Public Be Told." He has never had a strike on his properties.



Ziegfeld of the famous Follies, has got a regular three-fin securing the three most famous beauties in the country to act as a foil to the "homely chorus" he has engaged for "The Supplement." Left to right are Lois Wild, "Follies" beauty, who won the 1923 Beauty Contest; Dorothy Knapp, winner of the "Modern" contest; and Beryl Williams, winner of the 1924 contest.



WELL I WUZ SMART
ENOUGH TO BRING AN
UMBRELLA TODAY - IT'LL
SAVE MY NEW
HAT!

AN' YOU LIKE TO
SEE SOMEBODY
TAKE THIS
UMBRELLA AWAY
FROM ME!

OH! HELLO:

HOW DO YOU DO - MR.
JIGGS? ISN'T IT AN
AWFUL DAY TO BE
CAUGHT
WITHOUT
AN
UMBRELLA?

OH! WELL -
I KIN BUY
A NEW HAT.

SEX CAUSATION.

MRS. ERSKINE AND HER INVESTIGATIONS.

Mrs. Monteith Erskine, the wife of Mr. J. M. Erskine, M.P., has published in a book the results of her investigations into sex determination.

In the preface Mrs. Erskine describes how, as a schoolgirl at Geneva, she was led to study works expounding theories on sex-causation, and she says: "It may be well to answer the constantly repeated question, 'What on earth possessed you, at such an early age, to take up a subject of a nature so peculiar, or, at any rate, controversial?'"

"In my own case," Mrs. Erskine proceeds, "a keen sense of the wrong which I had suffered from the start, by being born a girl where a boy was desired, had led me to vague doubts and questionings in early childhood.... The helplessness of women in respect of any power to determine the sex of their offspring I regarded as a gross injustice and as a palpable reflection on the progress of science.... Then it was that the idea filtered slowly through my brain that it might well be a woman who alone could solve the problem.... Then came marriage, with its attendant responsibilities. Five children were born to me alive and healthy, and they proved to be, as I desired, one girl and four boys."

In July, 1908, acting on the advice of an eminent gynaecologist, Mrs. Erskine states, she deposited with her bankers the actual formula which she had tested for the practical application of her theory, and which she had, in many cases, used to her own complete satisfaction.

"Since 1909," she adds "people from many countries have consulted me about their future offspring. Letters of acknowledgement and testimony to the efficacy of my plans have flowed in from every part of the world."

TOO MUCH DANCING.

GIRLS WHO LOSE ROSY CHEEKS.

Is dancing being taken too seriously?

Not only in London, but throughout the country, there is an epidemic of "dance-fever," which is daily claiming more and more victims.

In his summing up at an inquest on a married woman who committed suicide while separated from her husband, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the Westminster coroner, said: "The deceased apparently was m'd about dancing. Many people now do it. They treat it not merely as an occasional amusement but as a serious business of life."

A correspondent writes to "The Daily Mail": "I have been to dance halls where I have seen young girls take the floor for as many as 40 dances and leave in a state of partial collapse."

Miss Madge Titheradge, the actress, said to a "Daily Mail" reporter:

I certainly think that dancing can be overdone. Why should people dance morning, noon, and night? Dancing is a splendid exercise and it can be made quite divine—but like everything else it should be taken in moderation.

There is so much to learn and so much to do that life is far too short to be spent in dance-halls.

If girls gave up cocktails, read fine books, did more sewing and housework, and went to bed earlier they would be all the better for it—and they would keep the roses in their cheeks.

Lady Askwith said:

If indulged into excess dancing undoubtedly becomes not only harmful but also ridiculous. As a recreation it is an excellent thing, but it loses its virtue when it becomes a craze.

THE HANDSOME MEN.

CHOOSING A CITY MARSHAL FROM 300.

The task of Paris, son of Priam, who had to decide whether Venus, Minerva, or Juno was the most beautiful, pales into insignificance beside that now facing the City of London Corporation. To the Officers and Clerks Committee falls the delicate business of selecting from some 300 men—all of whom believe themselves to be more than usually good-looking, this is a vital qualification for the post—a number of suitable candidates for the ancient office of City Marshal, vacant through the retirement through ill-health of Major R. J. Smyly, who was appointed in 1921.

The committee begins its work of elimination and the final choice rests with the Court of Common Council. A section of the council desires to do away with the post on the ground that it is useless and expensive, and an amendment calling for its abolition is likely to be moved.

Mr. Wilberforce (the magistrate): Do you suggest that this is an attempt to keep the home fires burning?

Mr. Musket: Yes.

Mr. Norman Birrell, K.C., who defended, said that the suggested connection between this and John's Club was denied. When Mrs. Herrick went to prison, she left instructions that her son should keep away from the premises, and he would now give an undertaking never to enter any night club again. Miss Cross was Mrs. Merrick's second cousin. The premises had been run at a loss during Mrs. Merrick's imprisonment.

Merrick and Miss Cross were each fined £75, and Merrick was ordered to pay £52 10s. costs.

M.C.C. "MANDARINS" APATHY.

The "Star," calling attention to the Australian plans to try out all possible test players, declares: "It is time to protest against the apathy of the Marylebone mandarins, who, after England has suffered a fresh series of disasters, are as supine as ever, and are not devising any schemes to develop young talent. Why cannot England think a year ahead, like Australia does, instead of improvising in the face of the foe?"

THE WATER SUPPLY.

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A twelve-year-old reader in Bute writes to the "Children's Newspaper" to say that, as he was digging in the garden, he accidentally covered up a beetle with soil, when, to his great surprise, another beetle came to the rescue, started scraping away the mould, and soon released the first beetle.

The Jew in Poland.

Poland is an agricultural country, but the East Jews, unlike the West Jews, play a large part in its country life. Every estate and every village has its Jew, who holds a sort of hereditary position in them; he markets the produce of the peasants and makes their purchases for them in towns; every Polish landowner or noble had his own Jew, who did all his business for him, managed the commercial part of his estate, and found him money. Till modern times it was actual law, and in modern times a rigorous etiquette, that no Polish noble, small or great, might buy or sell. Even if he wanted to buy a horse from a friend, he sent his Jews to do it.—Captain Peter E. Wright in the "Empire Review."

Smiles From A Hospital.

Walking with me through the wards of my hospital the other day, a well-known dramatist remarked that he would rather visit a hospital than a dozen theatres (writes Philip Inman in the "Star"). In a theatre, he said, one sees play-acting, but in a hospital humanity is bared to the bone. The late Lord Curzon once gave expression to the same idea. He was presiding over a medical dinner when he said that a parson knows a man at his best; a lawyer knows him at his worst; but only a doctor knows him as he really is. A hospital, nevertheless, is not the sordid place many people imagine. It is intensely human and throbs with multicoloured life. Not long ago we had a woman patient who was suffering from cancer of the throat. Over her bed she had placed this motto, "When your throat is sore be thankful you are not a giraffe." In the "Incurable" ward this is the swan song chosen by the sufferers themselves:—"Remember the steam-kettle—though up to its neck in hot water, it still continues to sing." One woman, 35 years of age, who fractured her spine (which means that in all probability she will never walk again) has adopted Robert Louis Stevenson's maxim, "To travel hopefully is better than to arrive." Yes, the dramatist is right. One does see life—in a hospital.

A Culloden Memory.

Among the clans who fought and bled for the Royal Stuarts and "Bonnie Prince Charlie" was Clan Menzies, who are recorded in

Squawkers.

There is a fearful toy sold in America known as a squawker, of which a mild imitation is to be discovered in the toy shops in Britain (points out the "Manchester Guardian"). To quote the words of the manufacturers:—"A feature of this squawker is that it makes a loud and continuous noise, due to the fact that it is provided with two squawker stems." But noise is not the only feature of the squawker; by manipulation of the lips it can be made to shriek "pappa" and "mamma," terms which, by the way, are quite out of fashion.

Mrs. Sandys-Lumsdaine.

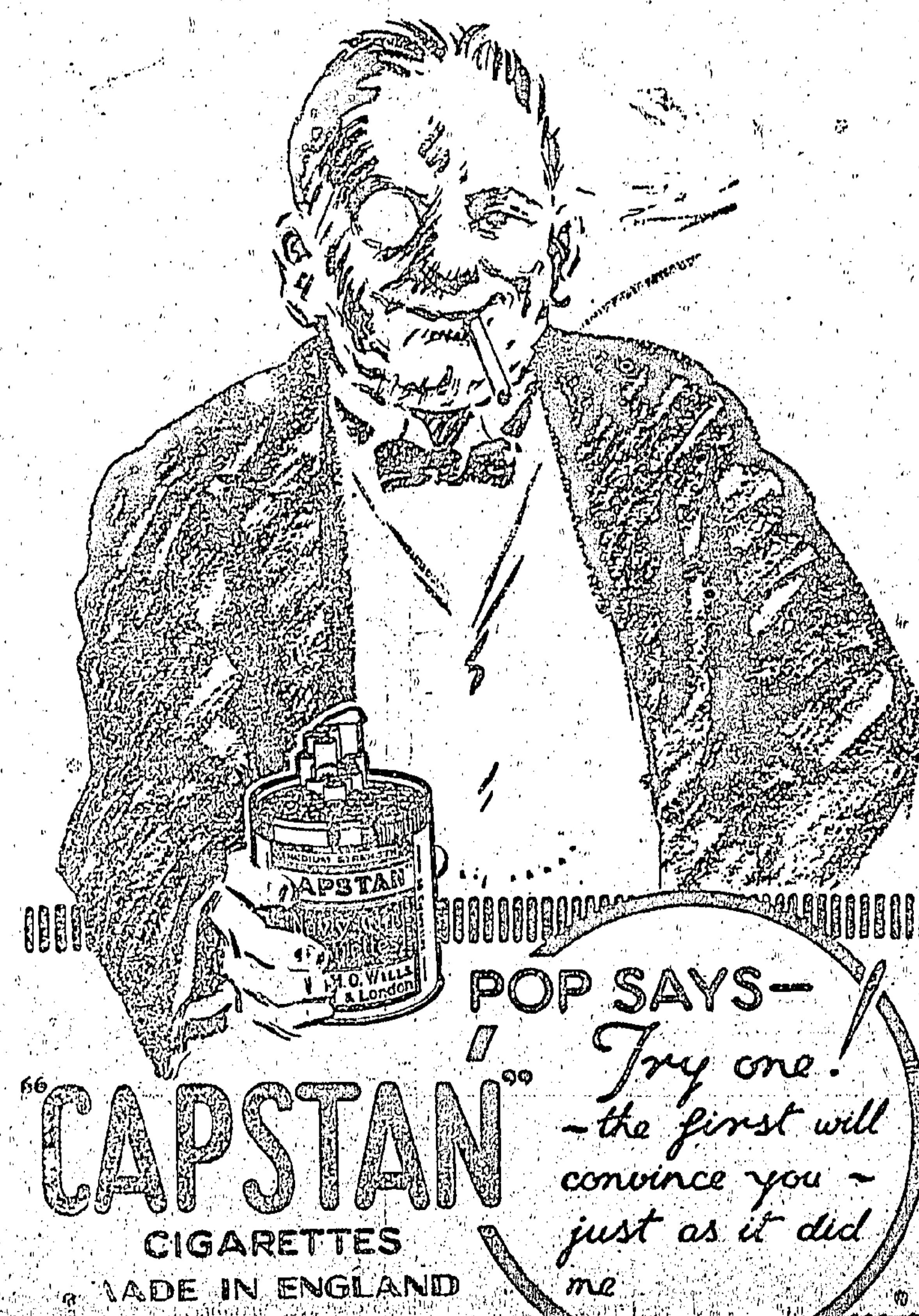
Lieut.-Col. Francis Sandys-Lumsdaine, of Kirtony, Bridge of Allan, has lost his wife, who was Edith, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. B. Major. She was only 54. The Sandys-Lumsdaunes are an old family whose headquarters have been for over six centuries at Blanerne, in Berwickshire (says the "Star.") Blanerne Cottage is now occupied by the bereaved Colonel's brother, Mr. E. R. J. Sandys-Lumsdaine, who married a sister of Mr. Francis Stuart Hay, of Duns Castle. Vice-Lieutenant of Berwickshire. A Lumsdaine acted as secretary to "Bonnie Prince Charlie" abroad, and the family treasures include a miniature of the Prince, which the latter presented to him.

"Mystery" Messages.

The identity of the medium through whom the amazing series of letters which helped to the finding of the body of Mr. A. L. Henderson, the Cupar man who lost his life on Ben Achallader, is now known (says the "Dundee Advertiser"). He is Mr. Norman McDiarmid, of Buchanness Lodge, Boddam, a hamlet on the outskirts of Peterhead. A friend gave the following account of him:—He simply sits down with a paper on his knee and a pencil in hand, which commences to write backwards. The writer has the appearance of what might appear on blotting paper after it had been used to dry the ink of a communication, and has to be read by means of a mirror. There was nothing in the nature of a seance about the meeting, which was purely a social affair in my own sitting-room. As a matter of fact, I was pottering about with my wireless set at the time.

"Baedeker" and Its Uses.

Fritz Baedeker, publisher of the celebrated guide books in succession to his father, Karl, has just died at Leipzig (reports the "Evening Standard"). The "Baedeker" has provided in its time much material for caricaturists who made it the indispensable attribute of the raw globe-trotting tourist. But in point of fact even the most hardened travellers generally had it somewhere; I suspect, concealed about their luggage. For the hardened traveller wants maps and train routes, and these Baedeker provided in abundance, and until the war made his hotel lists and prices necessarily out of date they were quite extraordinarily accurate and reliable.



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